# STATE OF INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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TONI HARRIS,

Complainant,

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GOODYEAR & PHILLIPS CORPORATION, and CHUCK GOODYEAR;

Respondents.

Indiana State Civil Rights Commission

## FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On April 17, 2009, Robert D. Lange, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ("ICRC"), entered his Proposed Findings Of Fact, Conclusions Of Law, And Order ("the proposed decision").

No objections have been filed to the ICRC's adoption of the proposed decision.

Having carefully considered the foregoing and being duly advised in the premises, the ICRC hereby adopts as its own the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order proposed by the ALJ in the proposed decision, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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Dated: 22 May 2009

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# PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On April 16, 2009, Complainant, Toni Harris ("Harris"), and Respondents

Goodyear & Phillips Corporation and Chuck Goodyear (collectively "Respondents"), all by
counsel, filed their Stipulation To Dismiss.

Having carefully considered the foregoing and being duly advised in the premises, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ("ICRC") proposes that the ICRC enter the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Harris' complaint alleges that on July 31 of 2006, she was denied equal access to a Shell service station in Indianapolis because of race. COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION (August 7, 2006).

- 2. Respondents deny Harris' claim of unlawful discrimination. ANSWER (August 29, 2006).
- 3. The Stipulation is expressly motivated by settlement.
- 4. There is no evidence of fraud, coercion, duress, or any other reason not to approve of the requested dismissal.
- 5. Any Conclusion Of Law that should have been deemed a Finding Of Fact is hereby adopted as such.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The ICRC has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties.
- Settlement is a favored resolution and should be encouraged.
- 3. Administrative review of this proposed decision may be obtained by the filing of a writing identifying with reasonable particularity each basis of each objection within 15 days after service of this proposed decision. IC 4-21.5-3-29(d).
- 4. Any Finding Of Fact that should have been deemed a Conclusion Of Law is hereby adopted as such.

## **ORDER**

- 1. The parties' Stipulation To Dismiss is **GRANTED**
- 2. Harris' complaint is **DISMISSED**, with prejudice.

Dated: 17 April 2009

Robert D. Lange

Administrative Law Judge

To be served by first class mail this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009 on the following parties and attorneys of record:

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